WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

~~Patent claims~~

1. An add-drop arrangement (51, 54, 61) for a unidirectional optical ring network for launching and outputting optical signals, having a grating filter (62), designed as a bandstop filter, for an optical ring network for outputting optical signals ($\lambda_B$ - $\lambda_N$), characterized in that the first coupler (51) has one input, to which the incoming signals ($\lambda_B$ - $\lambda_N$) are fed, and two outputs, in that the first output is connected to a second optical coupler (61), which is designed as grating filter (62) with bandstop properties, the grating filter (62) being tuned to the wavelength of a signal ($\lambda_{A,ADD}$) to be launched, such that this signal is reflected, and incoming signals ($\lambda_B$ - $\lambda_N$) having all other wavelengths are passed at and output at an output (3), in that the second coupler (61) has an add input (8) into which the signal ($\lambda_{A,ADD}$) to be launched is fed against its transmission direction, reflected and added to the passed signals ($\lambda_B$ - $\lambda_N$), and in that a second output of the first coupler (51) is connected to a further optical filter (52, 54) via which an incoming optical signal ($\Lambda_{DROP}$; $\Lambda_{B,DROP}$) is output.

2. The add-drop arrangement as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the further optical filter (52, 54) of the add-drop arrangement (51, 54, 61) is designed in such a way that different transmission channels ($\Lambda_{DROP}$; $\Lambda_{B,DROP}$) are output.

3. The add-drop arrangement as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that

the add-drop arrangement (51, 54, 61) has further filters (52) which can be exchanged or switched over, and has exchangeable second couplers (61) with grating filters (62) tuned to other wavelengths.

4. The optical ring network as claimed in claim 3, characterized in that the add-drop arrangement (51, 54, 61) has exchangeable second couplers (61) which are tuned to other wavelengths.

5. The optical ring network as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that the second coupler (61) has a further connection via which the reflected signals are led to an optical sink (63).

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6. An optical unidirectional ring network having a plurality of network nodes (NA - NN), in which data signals ($\lambda_A$, $\lambda_B$, ...$\lambda_N$) are transmitted in wavelength-division multiplex operation via an optical fiber (1) and every network node (NA - NN) is assigned for its data signal ($\lambda_{A,ADD}$) to be emitted an assigned transmission channel ($\Lambda_A$) with a transmission band used only once, characterized in that at least one network node (NA - NN) has an add-drop arrangement (51, 54, 61) as claimed in one of the preceding claims.

7. The optical ring network as claimed in claim 6, characterized in that a further fiber (P1) is provided for protection purposes.